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SUB: PROPOSED VISIT OF OPIC INSURANCE OFFICER

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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF OBJECTIVES OF PROPOSED VISIT OF OPIC INSURANCE OFFICER ADRON COLDIRON. REASONS STATED IN REFTEL ARE PUZZLING SINCE EMBASSY UNAWARE OF ANY CURRENT APPLICATIONS FOR GOG APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT INSURANCE. NOR IS EMBASSY AWARE OF ANY INVESTMENT PROJECTS SPAWNED BY VISIT OF INVESTMENT MISSION (IMCAM) LAST YEAR. AS FAR AS EMBASSY KNOWS, ONLY PARTICIPANT OF IMCAM STILL CONSIDERING INVESTMENT IN GUATEMALA IS CHEMONICS WITH INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING SOLVENT RECLAMATION PLANT SOMEWHERE IN CENTRAL AMERICA. FURTHERMORE, ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT OF CHEMONICS DUE IN GUATEMALA AUGUST 5 FOR TWO DAYS AS LAST STOP OF CENTRAL AMERICAN TRIP.

2. EMBASSY NOTES THAT DURING ITS NOVEMBER VISIT, IMCAM HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH WIDE VARIETY OF GOG OFFICIALS AND GUATEMALAN AND AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN (GUATEMALA 6398, 1975). IN VIEW ABSENCE ACTIVITY IN OPIC AREA SINCE THEN, AS EXPLAINED PARA 1 ABOVE, WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE TO SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITH GOG OFFICIALS SO SOON AFTER FIRST VISIT. OF COURSE, APPOINTMENTS COULD BE MADE WITH SOME GUATEMALAN AND US BUSINESSMEN BUT IN ABSENCE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION, EMBASSY UNSURE AS TO HOW

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PROCEED. EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE ABLE PROVIDE INTERPRETING SERVICES.

3. ON SEPARATE MATTER, REF B ARRIVED AFTER DEPARTURE
ALEXANDER FULLER AND THERE IS NO RECORD OF HIS SUGGESTION.
WHAT WAS SUGGESTED MOTIVE FOR NOTIFYING GOG OF OPIC LOAN TO
PLANTADORES ORNAMENTALES AND WHO IN GOVERNMENT WERE TO BE
NOTIFIED?
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